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SUBJECT: REPORT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN DISTRESS AT SEA

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1. US MILITARY OFFICIALS AT SAMAE SAN ARE NOT AWARE OF SHIP NO. MT 764 WITH 500 VIETNAMESE HAVING BEEN IN SATTAHIP PORT. A NUMBER OF SMALLER FISHING VESSELS AND TUGS CARRYING VIETNAMESE HAVE DOCKED THERE. SOME OF THESE VIETNAMESE ARE STILL ON THE SHIPS WHILE THE THAIS HAVE MOVED OTHERS OFF THE SHIPS TO THAI REFUGEE CAMP AT VAYAMA.

2. IN GENERAL, THE THAIS HAVE DISCOURAGED SHIPS CARRYING VIETNAMESE FROM DOCKING. THE REFUGEES ARE NOT WELCOME IN THAILAND. IN THE ABSENCE OF AUTHORITY TO PAROLE VIETNAMESE IN THAILAND TO THE US, OTHER THAN ON A SELECTED BASIS, WE ARE UNABLE TO PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN SUCH CASES. WE HAVE TRIED TO GET THE UNHCR TO TAKE A HAND, UNIFORMLY WITHOUT SUCCESS, AND WE NOTE THAT OCCASIONALLY THE ICRC OR A VOLAG WILL OFFER TEMPORARY SUCCOR. ON THE WHOLE, THE DISTRESS OF THE REFUGEES IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES REMAINS UNRELIEVED.
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